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process (i.e., representatives from DOT operating administrations specifically designated to formulate Departmental acquisition policies and procedures).

- (1) Transportation Acquisition Circular (TAC). TACs containing loose-leaf replacement pages which revise parts, subparts, or paragraphs (also see (TAR) 48 CFR 1201.301-72 below) will be used to amend (TAR) 48 CFR chapter 12. Each replacement page will bear at the top the TAC number and date. A vertical bar next to the coverage indicates that a change has been made.
- (2) TAR Notice (TN). (i) TNs shall be issued when interim guidance is necessary and as often as may be necessary, under any of the following circumstances:
- (A) To promulgate, as rapidly as possible, selected material in a general or narrative manner, in advance of a TAC issuance:
- (B) To disseminate other acquisition related information; or
- (C) To issue guidance which is expected to be effective for a period of 1 year or less.
- (ii) Each TN will terminate upon its specified expiration date.

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1201.301-71 Effective date.

Unless otherwise stated, the following applies—

- (a) Statements in TACs or TNs to the effect that the material therein is "effective upon receipt," "upon a specified date," or that changes set forth in the document are "to be used upon receipt," mean that any new or revised provisions, clauses, procedures, or forms must be included in solicitations, contracts or modifications issued thereafter; and
- (b) Unless expressly directed by statute or regulation, if solicitations are already in process or negotiations complete when the TAC or TN is received, the new information (e.g., forms and clauses) need not be included if it is determined by the chief of the contracting office that its inclusion would not be in the best interest of the Government.

1201.301-72 TAC or TN numbering.

TACs and TNs will be numbered consecutively on a fiscal year basis beginning with number "01" prefixed by the last two digits of the fiscal year (e.g., TNs 94-01 and 94-02 indicate the first two TNs issued in fiscal year 1994).

1201.304 Agency control and compliance procedures.

- (a) DOT shall control the proliferation of acquisition regulations and any revisions thereto (except as noted in paragraph (b) of this section) by using an internal TAR change process that involves input from many DOT elements including operating administration representatives on the Procurement Management Council. The operating administration member shall represent their operating administration's viewpoint along with Departmentwide considerations in reaching a decision on TAR changes.
- (b) Operating administration-unique regulations will not be processed through the TAR Council System, but shall be reviewed by operating administration legal counsel and submitted to M-60 for review and approval. (See (TAR) 48 CFR 1252.101 for additional instructions pertaining to provisions and clauses.)

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1201.403 Individual deviations.

The authority of the agency head under (FAR) 48 CFR 1.403 and (TAR) 48 CFR chapter 12 is delegated to the Head of the Contracting Activity or designee no lower than Senior Executive Service (SES)/Flag Officer level. However, see Transportation Acquisition Manual (TAM) 1201.403. The TAM is available through the Government Printing Office.

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